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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 06/19/2006; Request for Continued Examination filed 06/19/2006.
2. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 28-35 are pending in the case. Claims 1, 13, 25 and 29 are independent claims.
3. It is noted that the documents referenced in Remarks, p. 13, par. 4 containing definitions of the word "property" have not been received in the application file. Replacement copies are requested.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 06/19/2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 28-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ingrassia, Jr. et al. (hereinafter "Ingrassia"), US 5,951,652 patented 9/14/1999 in view of Pacifici et al. (hereinafter "Pacifici"), US 6,230,171 B1 filed 8/29/1998 and Montulli, US 5,774,670 filed 10/6/1995.

Regarding independent claim 1, Ingrassia teaches extracting from a browser, via a capture process on the client computer system that operates in conjunction with the browser, state information associated with the browser and the document contained in the browser, wherein the state information includes at least one session state associated with a browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, document state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web browser. Ingrassia teaches storing the state information in at least one content object on the client computer system and transmitting the at least one content object from the capture process on the client computer system to a server computer system to maintain a state of the browser in the server computer system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The DTS and Master applets of Ingrassia are responsible for capturing, storing and transmitting the state information to the WTS server which records the information and makes it available to other DTS and Master applets residing in the other client web browsers participating in the collaborative

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session. Furthermore, the state information is recorded with timing information as discussed in col. 21 lines 7-13 so that the web pages identified by the URLs and the activities performed to the data fields can be duplicated in a time-sensitive manner. Ingrassia teaches detecting an intent to initiate a collaboration session; obtaining the capture process; and operating the capture process to perform the steps of extracting, storing and transmitting such that the capture process captures the state information associated with the browser and the document contained in the browser upon initiation of the collaboration session and transmits the state information to the server computer system such that the server computer system can provide the state information to the other participants of the collaboration system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The client downloads the Master and DTS applets at the onset of the collaboration session so that the applets can implement the capture process and transmit the state information back to the server so that the server in turn can provide the state information to the participants of the collaboration session.

Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response to detecting the intent to initiate a collaboration session in fig. 9 and col. 12 lines 44-48. The documents involved in the collaborative browsing are synchronized to the same session ID and data values. While Ingrassia does not explicitly teach the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value, Montulli teaches setting the domain name on a cookie using a CGI script on a client (col. 7, l. 55-col. 8, l. 52; col. 10,

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I. 25-68). Further, setting the domain property of a document was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, since it was a method included in the JavaScript programming language, to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers. The excerpt of the book *JavaScript: The Definitive Guide*, 3rd Ed., Flanagan, published June 1998, p. 1-5, especially p. 5, although not being relied upon for the rejection, provides evidence that setting the domain property of a document was well known in the art at the time of the invention. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to set the document domain property, since Ingrassia teaches setting document properties of each document contained in the browser to a common value, and Montulli teaches setting a common domain, and since setting the domain property on the document using JavaScript was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious and desirable to set the document domain property to a common value in order to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers.

Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, document state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web browser. Pacifici teaches capturing document state information by capturing dynamic changes to documents contained in a client web browser and uploading the content to a collaboration server for distribution to other client web browsers in fig. 2-4 and col. 4 line 10 – col. 5 line 7. Ingrassia utilizes web browser for each of the collaboration participants, but does not provide a specific teaching of how the web browsers use

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cookies, thus Ingrassia does not specifically teach wherein the state information extractable from the browser includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies. Montulli does teach extracting and returning browser state information to a server which includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies in fig. 4 and col. 7 line 9 – col. 10 line 18.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the URL and document data capture process of Ingrassia and the document and browser cookie state information and domain setting teaching of Montulli with the dynamic document change capture process of Pacifici to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli so that the applet could have recorded both data changes and updates as well as dynamic document changes using the cookie state information as is taught by Montulli and then transmit the state information to other participants in a collaborative web browsing session via a collaboration server or via a multiple server site.

Regarding independent claim 13, Ingrassia teaches a memory configured with a browser containing at least one document; an input-output mechanism; a processor; and an interconnection mechanism coupling the memory, the processor and the input-output mechanism in fig. 1-2 and col. 4 line 35 – col. 5 line 6.

Ingrassia teaches extracting from a browser, via a capture process on the client computer system that operates in conjunction with the browser, state information, wherein the state information includes at least one of a session state associated with a browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web browser. Ingrassia teaches storing the state information in at least one content object on the client computer system and transmitting the at least one content object from the capture process on the client computer system to a server computer system to maintain a state of the browser in the server computer system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The DTS and Master applets of Ingrassia are responsible for capturing, storing and transmitting the state information to the WTS server which records the information and makes it available to other DTS and Master applets residing in the other client web browsers participating in the collaborative session. Furthermore, the state information is recorded with timing information as discussed in col. 21 lines 7-13 so that the web pages identified by the URLs and the activities performed to the data fields can be duplicated in a time-sensitive manner. Ingrassia teaches detecting an intent to initiate a collaboration session; obtaining the capture process; and operating the capture process to perform the steps of extracting, storing and transmitting such that the capture process captures the state information associated with the browser and the document contained

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in the browser upon initiation of the collaboration session and transmits the state information to the server computer system such that the server computer system can provide the state information to the other participants of the collaboration system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The client downloads the Master and DTS applets at the onset of the collaboration session so that the applets can implement the capture process and transmit the state information back to the server so that the server in turn can provide the state information to the participants of the collaboration session.

Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response to detecting the intent to initiate a collaboration session in fig. 9 and col. 12 lines 44-48. The documents involved in the collaborative browsing are synchronized to the same session ID and data values. While Ingrassia does not explicitly teach the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value, Montulli teaches setting the domain name on a cookie using a CGI script on a client (col. 7, l. 55-col. 8, l. 52; col. 10, l. 25-68). Further, setting the domain property of a document was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, since it was a method included in the JavaScript programming language, to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers. The excerpt of the book *JavaScript: The Definitive Guide*, 3rd Ed., Flanagan, published June 1998, p. 1-5, especially p. 5, although not being relied upon for the rejection, provides evidence that

setting the domain property of a document was well known in the art at the time of the invention. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to set the document domain property, since Ingrassia teaches setting document properties of each document contained in the browser to a common value, and Montulli teaches setting a common domain, and since setting the domain property on the document using JavaScript was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious and desirable to set the document domain property to a common value in order to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers.

Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, document state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web browser. Pacifici teaches capturing document state information by capturing dynamic changes to documents contained in a client web browser and uploading the content to a collaboration server for distribution to other client web browsers in fig. 2-4 and col. 4 line 10 – col. 5 line 7. Ingrassia utilizes web browser for each of the collaboration participants, but does not provide a specific teaching of how the web browsers use cookies, thus Ingrassia does not specifically teach wherein the state information extractable from the browser includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies. Montulli does teach extracting and returning browser state information to a server which includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies in fig. 4 and col. 7 line 9 – col. 10 line 18.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the URL and document data capture process of Ingrassia and the document and browser cookie state and domain information teaching of Montulli with the dynamic document change capture process of Pacifici to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli so that the applet could have recorded both data changes and updates as well as dynamic document changes using the cookie state information as is taught by Montulli and then transmit the state information to other participants in a collaborative web browsing session via a collaboration server or site utilizing multiple servers.

Regarding independent claim 25, Ingrassia teaches extracting from a browser, via a capture process on the client computer system that operates in conjunction with the browser, state information associated with the browser and the document contained in the browser, wherein the state information includes at least one of a session state associated with a browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web browser. Ingrassia teaches storing the state information in at least one content object on the client computer system and transmitting the at least one content object from the

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capture process on the client computer system to a server computer system to maintain a state of the browser in the server computer system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The DTS and Master applets of Ingrassia are responsible for capturing, storing and transmitting the state information to the WTS server which records the information and makes it available to other DTS and Master applets residing in the other client web browsers participating in the collaborative session. Furthermore, the state information is recorded with timing information as discussed in col. 21 lines 7-13 so that the web pages identified by the URLs and the activities performed to the data fields can be duplicated in a time-sensitive manner. Ingrassia teaches detecting an intent to initiate a collaboration session; obtaining the capture process; and operating the capture process to perform the steps of extracting, storing and transmitting such that the capture process captures the state information associated with the browser and the document contained in the browser upon initiation of the collaboration session and transmits the state information to the server computer system such that the server computer system can provide the state information to the other participants of the collaboration system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The client downloads the Master and DTS applets at the onset of the collaboration session so that the applets can implement the capture process and transmit the state information back to the server so that the server in turn can provide the state information to the participants of the collaboration session.

Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response to detecting the intent to initiate a collaboration session in fig. 9 and col. 12 lines 44-48. The documents involved in the collaborative browsing are synchronized to the same session ID and data values. While Ingrassia does not explicitly teach the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value, Montulli teaches setting the domain name on a cookie using a CGI script on a client (col. 7, l. 55-col. 8, l. 52; col. 10, l. 25-68). Further, setting the domain property of a document was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, since it was a method included in the JavaScript programming language, to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers. The excerpt of the book *JavaScript: The Definitive Guide*, 3rd Ed., Flanagan, published June 1998, p. 1-5, especially p. 5, although not being relied upon for the rejection, provides evidence that setting the domain property of a document was well known in the art at the time of the invention. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to set the document domain property, since Ingrassia teaches setting document properties of each document contained in the browser to a common value, and Montulli teaches setting a common domain, and since setting the domain property on the document using JavaScript was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious and desirable to set the document domain property to a common value in order to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the URL and document data capture process of Ingrassia and the document and browser cookie state and domain information teaching of Montulli with the dynamic document change capture process of Pacifici to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli so that the applet could have recorded both data changes and updates as well as dynamic document changes using the cookie state information as is

taught by Montulli and then transmit the state information to other participates in a collaborative web browsing session via a collaboration server or site utilizing multiple servers.

Regarding independent claim 29, Ingrassia teaches obtaining state information from a browser process performing on a first client computer system, wherein the state information includes at least one of a document state and a session state associated with a browser; from within the first client computer system, transmitting the state information from the client computer system to a server computer system; and distributing the state information from the server computer system to at least one participant browser on a second client computer system to allow the participant browser on the second client computer system to re-create the state of the browser process performing on the first client computer system and to enable the participant browser on the second client computer system to enter a collaboration session with the browser process of the first client computer system at a point in the collaboration session defined by the state information in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The Master and DTS applets obtain and transmit the browser state information to the WTS server. The WTS server then transmits the state information to the other participant browsers enabling the other participant browsers to re-create the state of the browser process performing on the lead browser.

Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response in fig. 9 and col. 12 lines 44-48. The

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documents involved in the collaborative browsing are synchronized to the same session ID and data values. While Ingrassia does not explicitly teach the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value, Montulli teaches setting the domain name on a cookie using a CGI script on a client (col. 7, l. 55-col. 8, l. 52; col. 10, l. 25-68). Further, setting the domain property of a document was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, since it was a method included in the JavaScript programming language, to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers. The excerpt of the book *JavaScript: The Definitive Guide*, 3rd Ed., Flanagan, published June 1998, p. 1-5, especially p. 5, although not being relied upon for the rejection, provides evidence that setting the domain property of a document was well known in the art at the time of the invention. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to set the document domain property, since Ingrassia teaches setting document properties of each document contained in the browser to a common value, and Montulli teaches setting a common domain, and since setting the domain property on the document using JavaScript was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious and desirable to set the document domain property to a common value in order to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers.

Ingrassia does not specifically teach extracting, via a capture process, document state information associated with dynamic changes the document contained in the web

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browser. Pacifici teaches capturing document state information by capturing dynamic changes to documents contained in a client web browser and uploading the content to a collaboration server for distribution to other client web browsers in fig. 2-4 and col. 4 line 10 – col. 5 line 7. Ingrassia utilizes web browser for each of the collaboration participants, but does not provide a specific teaching of how the web browsers use cookies, thus Ingrassia does not specifically teach wherein the state information extractable from the browser includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies. Montulli does teach extracting and returning browser state information to a server which includes at least one of document cookies, applications session cookies, and communication session cookies in fig. 4 and col. 7 line 9 – col. 10 line 18.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the URL and document data capture process of Ingrassia and the document and browser cookie state and domain information teaching of Montulli with the dynamic document change capture process of Pacifici to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli so that the applet could have recorded both data changes and updates as well as dynamic document changes using the cookie state information as is taught by Montulli and then transmit the state information to other participants in a

collaborative web browsing session via a collaboration server or site utilizing multiple servers.

Regarding dependent claims 2, 14, and 26, Ingrassia teaches opening an application programming interface from the capture process to the browser, the application programming interface providing functions that can be performed by a capture process, under control of a processor, to access the state information associated the browser and the document contained in the browser and performing, via the capture process, the functions provided by the application programming interface to access and retrieve the state information on the client system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The DTS and Master applets of Ingrassia provides functions to access the state information associated with the browser and the document contained in the browser.

Regarding dependent claims 3 and 15, Ingrassia teaches document access functions to access a document contained in a browser and browser access functions to access the state information associated with the browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. In the same cited sections, Ingrassia teaches accessing the document contained within the browser for document tags existing in the document using at least one of the document access functions; copying, into a document content objects, the content associated with each document tag accessed from the document; capturing, via at least one browser access function, at least one application session

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identifier associated with the document contained in the browser; and copying the at least one application session identifier associated with the document into the document content object. The DTS applet captures data contained in a field, which is identified by tags in the document as well as an application session identifier. The captured data and a captured session identifier are copied into a content object for transmission to the server via the Master applet.

Regarding dependent claims 4 and 16, Ingrassia teaches wherein the document contained in the browser is a hypertext document in the abstract. Ingrassia teaches storing the URL pointing to a hypertext document, but does not specifically teach calling a hypertext access function provided by the application programming interface to obtain each document tag within document; and calling a hypertext retrieval function provided by the application programming interface to obtain hypertext content associated with each document tag in the document; and placing the hypertext content associated with each document tag in the document into the document content object.

Pacifici teaches calling a hypertext access function provided by the application programming interface to obtain each document tag within document; and calling a hypertext retrieval function provided by the application programming interface to obtain hypertext content associated with each document tag in the document; and placing the hypertext content associated with each document tag in the document into the document content object in fig. 2-4 and col. 4 line 10 – col. 5 line 7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed

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invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the dynamic hypertext capturing feature of Pacifici into the URL and state data capture process of Ingrassia so that the collaboration could have included both data and dynamic html updates to the web pages being collaboratively viewed. This would have allowed for an increased collaboration ability among the client users.

Regarding dependent claims 5 and 17, Ingrassia does not explicitly teach performing functions to access and retrieve the state information on each document in each document container to access and retrieve the state information associated with each document in each document container. Pacifici does explicitly teach performing functions to access and retrieve the state information on each document in each document container to access and retrieve the state information associated with each document in each document container in col. 5 lines 22-38.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have used the ability of Pacifici to access and retrieve state information for multiple html documents in multiple containers since web browsing commonly involves the user of multiple windows. This would have allowed the users of the collaboration system to have browsed in a natural manner.

Regarding dependent claims 6 and 18, Ingrassia teaches wherein the state information includes a document state and a session state associated with a browser; and arranging a document state and the session state associated with a browser in a

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format within the at least one content object, such that the at least one content object associates each document state with a session state associated with a document for each document contained in the browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13.

Regarding dependent claims 7 and 19, Ingrassia teaches transmitting the at least one content object from the capture process to a collaboration application performing on the server computer system for distribution to participant browsers in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The DTS applets passes the content object to the Master applet which transmits the content object to the WTS server for distribution to the participant browsers.

Regarding dependent claims 9 and 21, Ingrassia does not explicitly teach obtaining the version of the client browser containing the document in order to determine which capture process to transmit to the client. It was well known at the time of the invention that multiple versions of web browsers may have been used as clients to a server. It was well known that there were more than one company distributing web browsers in high volume and that the web browsers had different versions as the software evolved. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have modified Ingrassia to have sensed the version of the participant browser and transmitted the appropriate capture process applet in the event that more than one version of the applet was required for compatibility reasons.

Regarding dependent claim 10, Ingrassia teaches wherein the capture process is an applet stored on a server and wherein the step of obtaining the capture process includes the step of downloading the applet from the server to the client computer system to capture state information associated the browser and the document contained in the browser in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13.

Regarding dependent claim 22, Ingrassia teaches setting a document property of each document contained in a browser to a common value in response to detecting the intent to initiate a collaboration session in fig. 9 and col. 12 lines 44-48. The documents involved in the collaborative browsing are synchronized to the same session ID and data values.

Regarding dependent claims 12, Ingrassia teaches using script logic to alter a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common domain in fig. 9 and col. 12 line 29 – col. 13 line 64. The Master and DTS applets set the properties of the documents to a common domain.

Regarding dependent claim 28, Ingrassia teaches wherein the capture process computer program logic is an applet that can be served by the server computer system to the client computer system and that can be performed on the client computer system to capture state information related to the browser on the client computer system in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13.

Regarding dependent claims 30 and 31, Ingrassia teaches obtaining, transmitting, and distributing the state information both prior to and after the initiation of the collaboration session between the browser process performing on the first client computer system and a collaboration server and wherein the state information is interim state information that conveys a complete state of the browser process on the first client computer system as it exists during the existence of the collaboration session in fig. 15, 18-19, col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13, col. 5 lines 40-49, col. 6 lines 12-27, col. 16 line 61 – col. 17 line 35, and col. 18 line 61 – col. 21 line 13. The state information is paired with timing information such that entire collaborative web browsing on the participant computers is consistent in a chronological order with the document and data manipulations occurring on the leading browser on the first client computer system.

Regarding dependent claims 32-35, Ingrassia does not teach wherein the state information includes other state information related to the document besides actual document content. Montulli does teach wherein the state information includes other state information related to the document besides actual document content in fig. 4 and col. 7 line 9 – col. 10 line 18. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined the URL and document data capture process of Ingrassia and the document and browser cookie state information teaching of Montulli with the dynamic document change capture process of Pacifici to have created the claimed invention. It would have been obvious and desirable to have combined

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Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli so that the applet could have recorded both data changes and updates as well as dynamic document changes using the cookie state information as is taught by Montulli and then transmit the state information to other participants in a collaborative web browsing session via a collaboration server.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 06/19/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding Applicant's argument that Ingrassia, Pacifici and Montulli do not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 28-35, the Examiner respectfully disagrees. Applicant asserts that neither Ingrassia nor Pacifici teach a step of setting a document domain property. The broadest reasonable interpretation of a document includes a web page. A web page is an electronic document made available for display over a network such as the internet. Ingrassia teaches synchronizing web pages, web page data, and web page properties for example in fig. 9, 11, 18, and col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 13. Since Ingrassia teaches synchronizing data on web pages and that a web page is the claimed document under the broadest reasonable interpretation of a document, the Examiner concludes that Ingrassia does teach setting document properties of each document to a common value (which Ingrassia calls synchronizing). Therefore, the Examiner maintains the rejections of claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12-19, 21, 22, 25, 26, and 28-31 as being taught by an obvious combination of Ingrassia, Pacifici, and Montulli.

Applicant has amended the limitation of independent claims 1, 13, 25, and 29 to add the newly claimed limitation *...the method performs the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value* (Claim 1). It is the examiner's opinion that setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value by using JavaScript to set the property was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, since it was a method included in the JavaScript programming language, to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers. The excerpt of the book *JavaScript: The Definitive Guide*, 3rd Ed., Flanagan, published June 1998, p. 1-5, especially p. 5, although not being relied upon for the rejection, provides evidence that setting the domain property of a document using scripting was well known in the art at the time of the invention. Further, while Ingrassia does not explicitly teach the step of setting a document domain property of each document contained in the browser to a common value, Montulli teaches setting the domain name on a cookie using a CGI script on a client (col. 7, l. 55-col. 8, l. 52; col. 10, l. 25-68. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to set the document domain property, since Ingrassia teaches setting document properties of each document contained in the browser to a common value, and Montulli teaches setting a common domain, and since setting the domain property on the document using JavaScript was notoriously well known in the art at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious and desirable to set the document domain property to a

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common value in order to address the problem of allowing scripts to share properties for large web sites that use multiple servers.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amelia Rutledge whose telephone number is 571-272-7508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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